MINUTES OF THE HOLLYWOOD PARK DEER COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 14, 2018

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session on May 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws. Committee Chair LuAnn Montgomery called the meeting to order. Committee Members present were LuAnn Montgomery, Carol Ingham, Barbara Schmitz, Michael Crevoisier, Reid Loehman, Nancy Swan, Ricky Smith, Doug Brown, Tony Cummings and Debbie Trueman. Also present were City Secretary Janice Alamia and Deer Project Manager Randy Tomasini.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING. LuAnn Montgomery requested a minor change in wording be made to the minutes. Carol Ingham made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 Deer Committee meeting, as corrected, and Nancy Swan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS OF DEER COMMITTEE AS OF APRIL 30, 2018. The financials were presented and discussed. Annual budget for deer management supplies is \$8,500.00, with \$903.00 spent during the current period for testing and a silencer, for a balance of \$3,694.00. Deer Manager Salary is \$5,000.00, with a balance of \$2,000.00. Deer Committee attorney fees budget is \$4,200.00, with a balance of \$2,800.00. Tonya Cummings made a motion to accept the financials as presented and discussed, and Carol Ingham seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>APPROVE WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS.</u> There were two Wildlife Incident Reports, as follows:

04/26/18 200 Block Meadowbrook Injured deer was put down.

05/04/18 200 Block Mecca Injured deer was put down. Lymph nodes taken.

Carol Ingham made a motion to approve the Wildlife Incident Reports as discussed and Doug Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION. None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Announcement of new Councilmember's recommendation to Deer Committee. Place 4 Councilmember Delaine Hall will keep the same appointees as her predecessor for her representatives on the Deer Committee.
- 2. Review, discuss and take possible action on H.P. Deer Management expenditures. No action taken.

- 3. Review, discuss and take possible action on 2018-19 trapping season and issues related thereto. See item 6.
- 4. Review and discuss status of CWD samples and issues related thereto. As of the date of the meeting, 3 of 15 CWD samples had been collected. Montgomery noted that on the CWD chart, the location was listed as the City Hall address because dead deer are being taken there to remove the nodes, but that the location should be listed as to where the deer died.
- 5. Review and discuss results of Spring 2018 Deer Survey. Nancy Swan reported that there was a total of 89 deer counted in the May 10, 2018 census, including 31 bucks (35%) and 58 does (65%). 35 deer (39%) were in the curbed area and 54 deer (61%) were in the non-curbed area. The City Secretary and the Committee expressed appreciation for David Swan's great work in preparing a Deer Survey Map for use by the Deer Committee. There was discussion as to whether the census should start later because the deer were active during the Spring census.
- 6. Review, discuss and take possible action in addressing adding coyote management to Deer Committee duties, or exploring other options for addressing effect of coyotes on deer herd. The Committee discussed the threat that the increasing number of coyotes presents to the deer herd and to the fawns that will be dropping in the immediate future. They discussed including deer predator control in the Deer Manager's duties, since the deer management program was designed to control and manage the deer population, and has a direct bearing on the population. LuAnn Montgomery made a motion that the control of deer predators be included under the Deer Manager position. Carol Ingham seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Committee proposed to move some funds from the Deer Management Supplies line to the Deer Manager Salary line to compensate the Deer Manager for coyote management on an emergency basis for the current season. Debbie Trueman made a motion to propose to City Council that \$3,000.00 be moved from Line Item 590.479 (Deer Management Supplies) to Line Item 590.101 (Deer Manager Salary) for management of deer predators. Mike Crevoisier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

Next Deer Committee meeting was set for Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. The following items were set for that agenda:

- 1. Review, discuss, and take possible action on H.P. Deer Management expenditures.
- 2. Review, discuss, and take possible action on 2018-19 trapping season and issues related thereto.
- 3. Review and discuss status of CWD samples and issues related thereto.